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1. ON 24 FEBRUARY 72 IUSTEER/I (SOURCE) ADVISED THE FOLLOWING: ON 23 FEBRUARY 72 HE SPOKE WITH JOSE PELLON (PROBABLY JOSE LEONARDO PELLON BLANCO, 201-229313) WHO MAKES HIS LIVING AS A PILOT. PELLON TOLD IUSTEER/I THAT ON 21 FEBRUARY HE WAS APPROACHED IN MIAMI BY ANOTHER PILOT JOSE M. HERNANDEZ (PROBABLY JOSE MANUEL H E R N A N D E Z HERNANDEZ, 201-286857) AND ASKED IF HE NEEDED WORK. PELLON ASKED FOR DETAILS.

2. HERNANDEZ INFORMED PELLON THAT ON 21 FEBRUARY HE AND FNU MACHIDITO (NO STATION TRACES) APPROACHED THE OWNER OF MIAMI AIR LEASING CORPORATION, EVELIO ALPIZAR (PROBABLY EVELIO ALPIZAR PEREZ, 201-264344) WITH A PROPOSITION. THEY ASKED ALPIZAR IF HE WOULD LET THEM USE A DC-3 BELONGING TO MIAMI AIR LEASING IN ORDER TO FLY CUBANS FROM SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA TO AN AIRPORT OUTSIDE MATAMOROS, MEXICO. HERNANDEZ WOULD PAY ALPIZAR \$500 PER CUBAN FLOWN. HERNANDEZ TOLD ALPIZAR THAT THIS DEAL WOULD CONSIST OF FLYING OUT APPROXIMATELY 4000

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CUBANS WHO WERE COMING TO SAN JOSE FROM MADRID, SPAIN.

3. ALPIZAR SUPPOSEDLY TOLD HERNANDEZ THAT THEY HAD A DEAL IF HERNANDEZ WOULD PLACE \$35,00 IN ESCROW IN A LOCAL BANK IN CASE HIS DC-3 WAS CONFISCATED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

4. HERNANDEZ DID NOT TELL PELLON IF HE HAD AGREED TO ALPIZAR'S REQUEST FOR THE \$35,000 OR IF ANY FINAL ARRANGEMENT WAS REACHED. HOWEVER HE DID ADD THAT PLANS CALL FOR ONE FLIGHT PER WEEK BEGINNING THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH. (SOURCE COMMENT: THIS DC-3 HOLDS 35-40 PERSONS). HERNANDEZ FURNISHED PELLON NO OTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS PLAN AND PELLON MADE NO COMMITMENT TO HERNANDEZ. FURTHER, PELLON DOES NOT PLAN TO GET INVOLVED.

5. SOURCE COMMENTS: HERNANDEZ HAS A REPUTATION OF EXAGGERATING AND DOWNGRIGHT LYING, E.G., HERNANDEZ TOLD PELLON AS AN ASIDE THAT HE WORKS FOR COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT FIGUERES' SECRET SERVICE. ALPIZAR IN TURN HAS A REPUTATION FOR ILLEGAL ADVENTURES, E.G., B-25 RAID INTO HAITI, ATTEMPTED BOMBING RUN INTO CUBA, ETC.

6. STATION COMMENT: THE ABOVE REPORT IF FACTUAL CERTAINLY ADDS TO ALREADY EXISTING INFORMATION, SUCH AS REF, ON THIS SUBJECT. IF PELLON OBTAINS ANY MORE INFORMATION ADDRESSEES WILL BE ADVISED.

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